

Adult Sunday School

Adventures in Prayer Today, 10:20 a.m., Lincoln Chapel

Maybe you are new to prayer. Maybe prayer is as natural to you as breathing. This class, meeting in the Lincoln Chapel at 10:20 a.m., is for everyone and anyone who takes prayer seriously. We learn together and pray together. All questions, joys and concerns are welcome. Come when you can.

Theology 101 and beyond: Intergenerational Christian Formation Today, and January 17 and 24, 10:00 a.m. Lincoln Parlor

Join us in January as your pastors team up to lead an intergenerational group (high school age through adults) to learn more about and discuss the central elements of our Christian faith.

January 3: "The Trinity" led by Associate Pastor Alice Tewell

January 10: "Jesus Christ" led by Pastor Roger J. Gench

January 17: "Sacraments" led by Pastor Roger J. Gench

January 24: "The Church" led by Associate Pastor Alice Tewell

We will be using the text Faith Seeking Understanding by Daniel Migliore, Professor Emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary. You may buy your own copy of the entire text or pick up selected chapters at the front desk starting December 24.

The Transfiguration - Movement in Worship Today and January 17, 24 and 31 10 a.m., PMH

Come play with the Light through movement, stillness, song and story. This inter-generational class (for teens and adults) offers an opportunity to explore the Transfiguration story through our physicality and prepare a movement offering for worship. Today, January 10, we will continue our study of the story in the Docherty Center and then move to the Radcliffe Room to play. ALL are welcome and encouraged to join in the creative process! Led by Kathryn Sparks.



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Opportunities for Service

7-2-9 Club – Enjoy a Wednesday evening (yes, from 7 to 9 p.m.), until June, with guests recovering from mental illness. There are games, entertainment, refreshments and time for making friends. Contact Spence Gibbins, spencergib@aol.com

Community Club – A one-with-one tutoring and mentoring program, for DC public and charter school students (grades 7-12), meets at the church on Thursday nights, during the school year. Adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Tom Karr and Shamika Bradley at directors@communityclub.org or go to www.communityclub.org for more information.

Food for the Hungry – Non-perishable food donations are needed by the Capital Area Food Bank, the large nonprofit hunger and nutrition education resource in the Washington area. Please place your donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Sanctuary or at the front desk.

New York Avenue Foundation – The NYAF mission is to be a catalyst of educational advancement for youth in need throughout Washington, DC. Annually it solicits proposals and awards grants to grassroots non-profits, which further that mission. A volunteer Board of Trustees conducts the work of NYAF. If you are interested in learning more or participating in the NYAF mission, contact Brian Schimming, nyavefoundation@gmail.com

Radcliffe Room Ministry – Come join our homeless guests, Sundays, 8:15-9:45 a.m., for hymn singing, refreshments and socializing. Donations of umbrellas, rain gear, clothing, toiletries, and transportation money are needed. Contact Eleanor Robins, robinseleanor@hotmail.com

The Peace Candle – Visitors are invited to take a Peace Candle home to their congregations. Candles are at the back, right side, of the sanctuary. Please sign the note card there, so we may know who you are. For more information about the Peace and Justice Committee activities, contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net

Triangle Park Committee – Working with the National Park Service to ensure maintenance and oversee the flower and plant beds along the church wall, we meet 4-6 times a year, conduct business via email, and schedule work days as needed. Contact Marilyn Seiber, mjs1wan2@bellatlantic.net Beth DuMez, bethdumez@erols.com or Barry Tindall, barrytindall@verizon.net

NYAPC's Young Adults – For more information about Sunday brunches, Faith on Tap, Bible study, and other fellowship or service activities (or to be added to the e-mail list), contact Richard Snyder (snyder.richard@gmail.com) or Benno Lauer (benno.lauer@gmail.com)

Annual Stewardship - Each of the ministries described on this page, as well as everything else that happens at this church, is supported in a significant way by Annual Stewardship giving. Annual Stewardship is the act of making a financial pledge to the church operating budget for a year and completing that pledge. It is a deep personal and congregational theological act, and it is essential to the worship, community, and mission of this church! Members, affiliates, and friends are all invited to participate in Annual Stewardship. Please contact Jan Maheras, the church accountant, Laura Asiala, the chair of the Annual Stewardship Committee, or Rev. Roger Gench, the Senior Pastor, for more information, questions, or to make your pledge.

We are in need of volunteers to help make NYAPC a welcoming place for our visitors and members by staffing the welcome table in the narthex before and after services. Welcome table volunteers arrive about 20-30 minutes before a Sunday service to greet worshipers and then hang out for about 15-20 minutes after the service to chat with visitors and members during coffee time. For more details visit <http://bit.ly/1OFPh6r>. If you are interested in signing up for one (or more!) services please contact Alison Kootstra Nowak at amkootstra@gmail.com or Paul Dornan at pbdornanp@aol.com.



Celebration of Worship

The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church welcomes all people into community, worship, service and leadership.

January 10, 2016
8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Epiphany Sunday

Prelude

"Four Hymns by Vaughan Williams"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(11:00 a.m. - The New York Avenue Brass Quintet)

Introit

"O Day of Peace"

Jerusalem, Charles H. H. Parry

*Lincoln Chimes

I. The Community Gathers for Worship

Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 60)

Leader: Arise! Shine! Your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

Women: We have seen the star in the east, and we are following.

Men: We have remembered God's wonder and promise and we are worshipping.

All: We have come not to receive, but to give.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; God's people now gather together, to open our hearts and sing out our praise.

All: The mystery of God's wonder and grace is here. Come, let us adore!

*Opening Hymn

#107, (verses 1-3) "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
Rejoice, Rejoice

Prayer of Confession (Presbyterian Church USA Book of Common Worship, 193)

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us from our sin and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Please stand, if able

*Response

#107, (verse 4) "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"
Rejoice, Rejoice

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.

Though dark the winter and cheerless,

the rising sun shall crown you with light;

be strong and loving and fearless.

love be our song and love our prayer

and love our endless story;

may God fill every day we share

and bring us at last into glory.

***A Brief Statement of Faith**

(Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12, pages 1-2, NRSV

Leader: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

All: Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

Leader: When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him:

All: In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Leader: Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

All: When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Leader: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“I Was Glad”
Charles H. H. Parry

Time for Children and Their Friends

Second Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6, page 649, NRSV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Wise Vulnerability” **Rev. Alice Rose Tewell**

III. The Community Responds to the Word

***Sermon Hymn**

#744, “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”
Festal Song

Concerns of the Church

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:45 a.m. *The Passing of the Peace as We Gather Around the Table for Giving and Prayer

11:00 a.m. “Let the River Run”
arr. Craig Hella Johnson

***Response**

#607, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

(adapted from the United Church of Christ liturgy for Epiphany)

God of every good gift, here we present our offerings. These are gifts that we give in response to Your Spirit, which we remember in joyful song and holy story, in prayer and silence. We ask Your blessing on all that we give, so that Your loving care reaches into us and out to all the world, ever more deeply and gracefully. We ask it in Jesus’ name; Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** *(11:00 a.m.)*

***Sending Hymn**

#827, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”
Wie Schön Leuchtet

**1 O Morning Star, how fair and Bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
A glow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s line, David’s son, our Lord and Savior,
You have won our hearts to serve You only!**

**Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,
all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!**

**2 Lord, when You look on us in love,
at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.**

**Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure!**

**Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us God’s own love
through You has reached us.**

**3 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!**

**He will one day, O glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning! Amen!**

**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness!
We are yearning for the day of Your returning.**

***Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

“The Rejoicing,” from **Music for the Royal Fireworks**
G. F. Handel

We wish to thank our sanctuary choir and instrumentalists for their participation in worship this morning, including Michael Parnell, Jesse Tubb, James McKenzie, Darryl Buning, Dakota Kaylor, John Kim, Samantha Scheff, and Purev Arslanbaatar.

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for **the volunteers on the Board of Trustees** by members and friends of the congregation through their contribution to the Flower Fund.

The Peace Candle on the chancel reminds us to pray for *peace* around the world in this Christmas Season and for tolerance among and between religions.

Preaching Schedule	
January 17	Rev. Roger J. Gench
January 24	Rev. Roger J. Gench

	8:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Liturgist	Miriam Dewhurst	Meg Neill
Tour Guide	John Schultheis	Len Shabman
Worship Play	TBD	Karen Dunlap and Stacey Gagosian

	Counters
January 10	Adam Bain and ShuXian McKenna
January 19	Jim Martin and Barbara Dornan
January 24	John Schultheis and Martha Davis

Information for Sunday Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors! We invite you to sign the guest book at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Parking extended until 3:00 p.m. for Stan’s 25th anniversary celebration.

Assisted Listening: Do you have difficulty hearing the service? Our assisted listening system may help you. The system consists of a small wireless receiver and an ear phone. You may also use your own choice of ear phones or t-coil equipped hearing aids with the receiver. Please contact Joe Thierry at jthierry@erols.com or 703-568-5158 for more information.

Building Tours: To take a tour of our building and learn about this congregation’s heritage, current ministry, and outreach, meet the tour guide at the front of the Sanctuary immediately following the service.

Garage Parking: Free self-parking is available on Sundays in the garage next to the church at 1399 New York Avenue until 1 p.m. Please park in any non-reserved space.

Families with Infants and children: Infants and toddlers 4 and under are welcome in the **Park Level nursery**. Care is provided by licensed, paid professionals. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m.–12:30p.m. During the services, **children’s worship bulletins**, crayons and books are available in the rear of the Sanctuary. During the sermon time, Pastor Alice and helpers offer **Worship Play** for ages 3-10. During this worship playtime, the children are invited to pray, listen to stories from the Bible and related picture books, sing a song or do a simple craft. At the end of Worship Play, the children are offered a peanut free snack.